

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Ron and Jerry Temple hosted their annual Easter Day celebration in memory of Marguerite Temple. Easter had been Marguerite's favorite holiday and "Easter Parade" was her favorite song.

Guests were: Ric and Marcy Wyrens, Ceresca, Neb.; Larry and Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood; Jerry and Lisa Rhodes, Scott and Tracey Hartzog, Norcatour; Justin and Megan, Jackson and Kyla Amos, Enterprize; and Simone Cahoj and Levi Elver, Leoti.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson took Norma Ward to Good Friday services at the United Methodist church in Clayton. Also attending from Norcatour were Kay and Gust Foth and Brandi Kohart. Pastor Ed Wood, conducted the service.

Over Easter weekend, Sharlynn and Gene Mermis, Wichita, and children Riann, Brier and Morgan plus the dogs, Molly and Bella, were guests of Carl Lyon and Jodi Lyon and their dog, Willy.

Guests of Rea and Dee Magers for Easter weekend were Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Denver. During the weekend, they drove to Cedar Bluffs to visit their son and brother, Jeff Magers. Saturday evening they went to church in Norton and Easter Sunday they went to Lyle to help Margaret "Toots" Magers celebrate her 94th birthday. The Pomeroy's returned to their home Monday.

Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam Stapp made a road trip last week to

Erie with granddaughter and niece, Gabby Schamberger, to spend Easter weekend with Kortney and Jerrod Poire and Kynleigh. Gabby's parents were in Oklahoma for a concert and joined the group Saturday. The Stapps returned home Sunday.

IvaLee McAllister Wilson, a Norcatour graduate from the class of 1938, has a long-standing artistic relationship with the Alzheimer's Association. For several years she has donated paintings to the association to be auctioned off for a fundraiser. She said she loves to paint is glad to give back to the community and help others in need.

The Heritage Quilt Club met April 2. The last meeting of the year will be at 6:30 p.m., May 7, at the Prairie Land Electric.

Happy birthday greetings to Jerry Temple, who celebrated her birthday on April 12. Brad and Shanna Long celebrated an anniversary on April 16.

The Norcatour Bible study group is in the book of Romans. Everyone is welcome to join them at 7 p.m., Mondays at the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met April 6 at the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building to play cards with 21 players present. Winners were Al Sedlmayer; Bee Nelson and Toots Magers tied, and Bob Schoenrad. The next meeting will be Friday.

Word was received of the death of Peggy McConnell Sebaugh McGurran on March 28 in Casper, Wyo.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson had Easter dinner at the Hidden Dragon in Norton.

Easter Sunday afternoon visitors of Bee Nelson were Genevieve Brunk, Hill City, and her daughter and husband, Barbara and Wilbur Stites, WaKeeney.

The Norcatour Museum is undergoing some construction. Improvements are expected to be completed before Memorial weekend. An anonymous donor gave a 1923 Norcatour phone directory to the museum.

Concrete work continues at the railroad tracks west of the elevator on North Dewitt. The road is closed until the work is completed in the coming week.

The Outreach Medical Clinic with Sean Conroy will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 24. Call 475-2015 to schedule an appointment.

The Norcatour City Library received a \$1,500 grant from Pamida. The money will be used to purchase large print books and to increase the DVD collection. Starting April 25, there will be a children's story time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Book Potpourri will meet today. The coffee pot is always on and a puzzle is always waiting to have another piece added.

Aging Expo set for April 27

It's not too late to register for Full Circle...an Aging Expo as the registration deadline approaches this Friday.

This educational effort, by K-State Research and Extension, the Area Agency on Aging, and Fort Hays State's Department of Health and Human Performance will take place in Hill City at the Catholic Parish Hall on Friday, April 27. New to this premier educational event is a professional tract that will allow professionals to obtain credits. Those participants may gain up to seven units of continuing education.

According to Tranda Watts, Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety Specialist with K-State Research and Extension, "Registration information can be obtained by contacting your local Extension office or going on-line to: www.northwest.ksu.edu/fullcircle".



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

KAKE TV personality Larry Hatteberg will share some of his favorite moments from his popular series Hatteberg's People. Other speakers include Andy Crocker, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Give Care, Take Care, the Alzheimer's Association, program director Jenny Shipman's Communicating with Alzheimer Patients, to Aging with Flair by Northwest Kansas' own Virginia Slimmer.

Other sessions include Traumatic Brain Injury, When to Give Up the Keys, and Tiny Garden, Big

Reward. For further information or a registration brochure, call the local extension office at (785) 475-8121, or the Northwest Area Extension Office at 785-462-6281.

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Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

I would like to thank everyone who attended the health fair at the Golden Age Center on Friday afternoon.

It seemed like there was something there for nearly every aspect of health, both mental and physical, for young and old. I enjoyed talking with people from the various departments and viewing the demonstrations. One thing I particularly appreciated were those who traveled a good distance to be there.

A couple of women from a Garden City-based group dedicated to breast cancer awareness spoke with me about their program and its work with people without insurance. It was a welcome reminder that a network of support for health-related matters exists for people that some-

times we simply aren't aware of.

The Decatur County Health Department organizes the health fair, and deserves our thanks for all they do to promote the spread of information. I look forward to next year's fair already.

Meanwhile, at Decatur Health Systems, for the past few weeks physician assistant Sean Conroy has been in training for using a new computerized documentation and orders system. He picked up the system quickly, and now it is nurse practitioner Lynnetta Ward's turn to be trained.

The new system allows for increased documentation and quick communication between practitioners, departments and the nursing staff. It is a lot of work to learn a

new system, and everyone involved is doing an excellent job of getting up and running with it.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer of Westmoreland spent Easter weekend with Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer. Additional Sunday guests were Justin, Lori and Isaac Marintzer, Bethany Chartier, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Gene Kleidosty, Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy, Cheri and Elijah Kastens and Becca Rudzik. The Easter Bunny found Kade and Phoebe in the afternoon.

Word was received of the death of Lt. Col. Veronica Hutfles, 37, of Bellevue, Neb., at her home on April 7, 2012. Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday at St. Bede's Church in Kelley, Kan. She was the daughter of Theresa Grotovsky Hutfles of Centralia, and the late John Henry Hutfles.

The Sattler family celebrated Easter dinner at the Atwood Senior Center on Sunday.

Those present were Ron and Cindy Sattler, Jayme Sattler, Brian and Mary Clark and Collin, Randy Sattler, Trudi Pavlicek and Buford Clark, Eric Sattler, Chase and Dana Juenemann, Payton, Paycie and Parker, Jan Sattler, and Rob and Isaiah Sattler.

Denny Allacher, a former Herndon resident, is a patient at Immanuel Hospital, room 639, 6901 N. 72nd St., Omaha, Neb., 68152. He would appreciate mail from friends in Rawlins County.

Richard and Theresa Rippe attended a surprise 70th birthday celebration on Saturday at Thomas

More Prep in Hays for Pat Sramek of McDonald.

Also celebrating 50th birthdays were Pat's daughter, Sheila, and two of Pat's sons-in-law. Friends and relatives visited and enjoyed a big meal along with various cakes while watching a pouring rain outside. In the evening Richard and Theresa had supper with Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark at Gutcha's Bar and Grill.

Laverne, Sharon and Kyle Frick had guests Vesta and Gwen Gilbert and Ken Solko, of McCook, and Kristal, Justin, Tyler and Jaxton Payton of Indianola, Neb., for Easter dinner.

Alan and Ann Solko, Chris Wood, Sharon Ecker, Pat and Charles Solko of Herndon and Mary Ann Padgett of McCook attended the Rawlins County High School Show Choir, "The Time of My Life" Saturday evening in the school gym. John Solko is a member of the show choir. They met Jane Waterman, Frances Kompus and Julie Kopriva of Atwood at the dinner.

Herndon received word this week from Clarence Kaiser of the death of Lorene M. Clark, who died April 4, 2012, in Nebraska City, Neb. She grew up in Hitchcock County and her parents were Henry Joseph and Philomena (Hilsenbeck) Kaiser. She was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Funeral services were April 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nebraska City with burial in St.

Mary's Cemetery.

On Friday, April 13, Sharon Frick, Gwen Gilbert, Sherril Adams and Kristal Payton took Vesta Gilbert to the LandMark Inn in Oberlin for lunch to celebrate her 87th birthday.

This Joyful Easter Tide

Pastor Chris Nelson, Oberlin Covenant Church

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile..." - 1 Corinthians 15:17

I first encountered George R. Woodward's hymn, "This Joyful Eastertide," just a few years ago when I was invited to play the trumpet at a church in Chicago, my home at the time. It has since become one of my favorites for the Easter season, both for its lyrics and its soaring melody. While the tune dates back to 1685, Woodward (1848-1934) first published the lyrics in 1894 as his one contribution to a collection of "Carols for Easter and Ascensiontide."

1 Corinthians 15 is again the Biblical inspiration for this hymn, as it is for so many songs of the Easter season. In this chapter, Paul has taken up a defense of the resurrection, and he insists that the Christian faith amounts to nothing apart from the incredible truth that Jesus has risen from the dead. Woodward takes up Paul's words in the refrain:

Had Christ who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison
Our faith had been in vain:

This section of the hymn tune drifts its furthest from the bright major key in which it is set. Avoiding the celebrative slurs that characterize the other lines of the hymn, these lines seem to me to plod along through the middle register, lacking the sense of direction found in the rest of the hymn, as if to express the futility of

life apart from the risen Lord. Immediately the tone changes, and the melody begins to climb to its highest point, soaring with the realization of the good news:

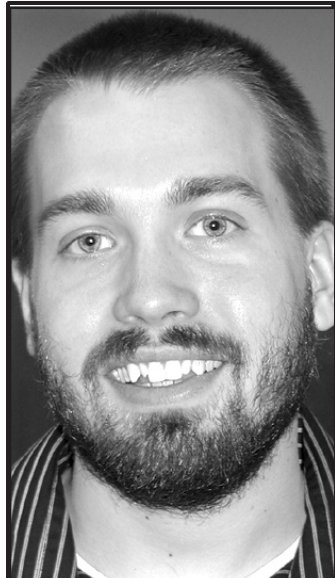
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen,
But now has Christ arisen!

In the second verse, Woodward follows Paul's line of thought as he moves from the risen Christ, "the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20), to the resurrection of all believers. "Listen. I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed... For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). He expresses the Christian hope for the day when every tomb will be empty:

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber,
'Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Maybe when that heavenly trumpet wakes us all up some bright morning it will be sounding out the soaring strains of "This Joyful Eastertide."

"Dear friends... what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Linda Willey
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Linda Willey
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.
NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

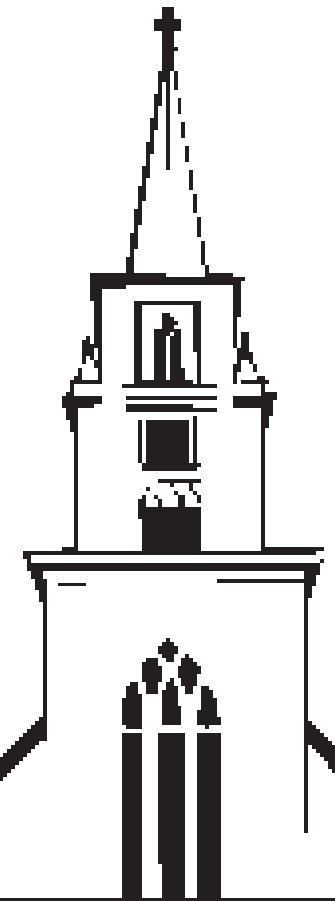
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Easter dinner guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw included Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; and Adam Wahlmeier, Norton. Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Oberlin, visited in the afternoon. They also visited at the home of Agnes Wahlmeier. Kevin and Colleen also visited Alice and Wilfred Wagoner.

A beautiful Easter service at the United Methodist Church in Jennings was attended by many. The choir cantata and candlelight service were nice. Many had family members visiting and attended service with them.

Saturday was a busy day in town. The weather forecast didn't sound favorable but all clean-up crews continued to work throughout the day. Many truck loads of debris were hauled away to Jennings landfill, Oberlin landfill and to the Norton iron yard.

A bountiful meal was prepared by members of the community. We thank everyone for their help, furnishing trucks, tractors and lots of manual labor.

Several more water meters will be moved by Septic-Tech from basements to outside barrels on Wednesday and Thursday. Water meters will be read on Saturday, April 21.

The Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck was held April 10. Those enjoying the meal and social gather-

ing were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Linda Spresser, Eleanor Morel, Bob and Neoma Tacha, John Kettling, and Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Cards were played at the center on Wednesday. Two tables of four played pinocle. Mother/daughter partners, Diane Carter and Eleanor Morel won most games at the high table. Other players were: Scott Taylor, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Wayne Cressler, Alice Wagoner and Louise Cressler.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum held its monthly meeting April 5, with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were Mary Wahlmeier, Bob Tacha, Lila Jennings, Alice Mizer and Mike Tacha. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were given and approved.

The museum now has Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine flags for sale at \$5 each. Our work day will be rescheduled due to the wet weather. The inspection for termites has been approved.

The museum will be open 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, and other times by appointment. The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary will meet here on May 1 to prepare the poppies for Memorial time. Our next regular meeting will be May 3.